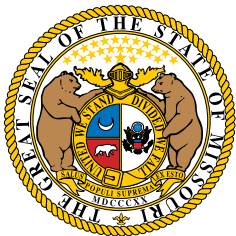




Additional Resources

- *The Missouri State Highway Patrol Missing Persons Unit* can contact other states if the advisory needs to be sent outside Missouri.
- *The Missouri State Highway Patrol Public Information and Education Division* can provide a Public Information and Education Officer to help your agency.
- *A Child Is Missing* will contact residents and businesses in the area where the person was last seen by using an automated telephone system. The service is free and can be used for a missing child, or elderly or disabled person. Call toll-free (888) 875-ACIM (888-875-2246).
- *Team Adam* provides experienced child abduction investigators, technical assistance and equipment for free to agencies during investigations involving missing, abducted, or exploited children. Call toll-free (800) THE-LOST (800-843-5678).
- *Project Alert* provides retired federal, state, and other local law enforcement officers who volunteer their time and expertise as unpaid consultants during investigations of missing, abducted, or exploited children. All travel arrangements and costs are paid for by NCMEC. Call toll-free (800) THE-LOST (800-843-5678).

For more information regarding the Endangered Person Advisory Plan contact the state of Missouri AMBER Alert Coordinator at:



Missouri State Highway Patrol
General Headquarters
AMBER Alert Coordinator
P.O. Box 568
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
or
mshppied@mshp.dps.mo.gov



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A Cooperative Effort Between ...

*Missouri Department of Public Safety
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Missouri Police Chiefs Association
Missouri Sheriffs' Association
Missouri Broadcasters Association*

Our Mission

The mission of the Endangered Person Advisory Program is to develop and coordinate the efforts of law enforcement and the media in order to increase public participation in safely recovering endangered missing persons by increased communication and effective sharing of resources.

Criteria information and activation forms regarding both the AMBER Alert and the Endangered Person Advisory plans can be found at:
www.mshp.dps.mo.gov

Endangered Person Advisory Criteria

The endangered Person Advisory is initiated solely by Missouri law enforcement agencies using the following criteria:

1. Do the circumstances fail to meet the criteria for an AMBER Alert?
2. Is the person missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances?
3. Is the person believed to be in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, environment or weather conditions, in the company of a potentially dangerous person or some other factor that may put the person in peril?
4. Is there information that could assist the public in the safe recovery of the person?

Process of an Endangered Person Advisory Activation

1. If all criteria exist, prepare the “Endangered Person Advisory” by using the Endangered Missing (EME) code on the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES).
2. Fax the Endangered Persons Advisory (EPA) form with the attachments such as photographs, area maps, etc. to the Missouri State Highway Patrol; Troop F Headquarters at (573) 751-6814.
3. Contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol; Troop F Headquarters at (573)-751-1000 to verify the information has been entered in MULES and NCIC and the faxed form and attachment have been received.
4. Make sure dispatchers or call takers are prepared to handle phone calls. Consider allocating additional resources from other law enforcement agencies.
5. A Public Information Officer (PIO) should be appointed to handle the media. Once the advisory has been activated, media coverage may be overwhelming, especially for a small department. The PIO should be constantly updated to utilize the media as much as possible and receive the maximum exposure for the case.
6. The Endangered Persons Advisory does not preclude in-house procedures, policies, or practices used by each law enforcement agency.

The following will happen after the advisory is activated

- All Missouri law enforcement agencies are notified through MULES/ALERT/REJIS.
- Broadcasters and media are notified by media advisory e-mail.
- The Missouri State Highway Patrol Missing Persons Unit will be notified for support and resources.
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is contacted if the person is under the age of 18.